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## **Popular Musician/Comedian to Visit IWU**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Popular comedian and singer/songwriter Stephen Lynch will take the stage at Illinois Wesleyan University on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 8 p.m.

Free and open to the public, Lynch's PG rated concert will be held in the Main Lounge of IWU's Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University Ave., Bloomington. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

Lynch comes to IWU as part of The Underground, a new series that brings "unusual" talent to IWU. Kevin Clark, coordinator of The Underground, says Lynch has a charming voice, and plays the guitar like no other, but also has an eerie sense of comic timing. His boyish looks stand in stark contrast to the dark comedy that he sings to cheering crowds in his hilarious one man-show entitled, "I'll See You In Hell--An Evening of Love Songs."

When asked what started his unusual style, Lynch says, "It was in college, and I was very much in love with my girlfriend, and so I decided to write her a couple of love songs, which I did and presented to her. She laughed hysterically both obliterating my ideas of true love, and jumpstarting my comedy career."

The success of Lynch's club appearances led him to headline a sold out tour of major U.S. colleges and universities. He also has opened for highly acclaimed performers such as Steven Wright, Jeff Foxworthy, Bobcat Goldthwait, Anthony Clark and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. His successful stage shows have resulted in a hit television special on Comedy Central.

Copies of Lynch's new CD, A Little Bit Special, also will be available for purchase. Lynch will be available to meet fans and sign autographs directly after the concert.

Parents should be aware that Lynch's show is not for young children, and targeted more toward the college market and adults.

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